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**PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,  
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS  
MADISON WI  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Steven Donohue, Robert Karnauskas (by phone), Harry Parrott

**EXCUSED:** Ruth G. Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Forseth, William Black, Grace Schwingel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Stephen Donohue, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum of 3 members was present.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Harry Parrott, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES, 5/21/2002**

**MOTION:** Robert Karnauskas moved, seconded by Harry Parrott, to approve the minutes of 5/21/02 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Mary Forseth, Bureau Director**

- **Section Roster**

The Roster was approved as published.

- **2002 Meeting Dates**

No changes

- **2003 Meeting Dates**

The 2003 meeting dates were approved as presented with the possible addition of a teleconference meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 to process the application of John D. Skalbeck that was discussed at today's meeting. Two of the meetings, June 11, and September 18, 2003, may be conducted as teleconference meetings.

- **Summary Reports On Pending Court Cases, Disciplinary Cases, And Administrative Rules And Press Release Of Disciplinary Orders**

Informational

- **Regulatory Digest, Katherine Hildebrand**

As discussed at the Joint Board meeting, Robert Karnauskas will write an article with information that clarifies the issue of the definition of geologist, hydrologist and soil scientist as it pertains to the passage of AB 358, indicating that people practicing in these professions are required to be licensed. The Regulatory Digest will then be distributed to DATCP, DNR, and the Department of Commerce to be included in the publications of these agencies.

### **To-Do List**

The Section reviewed the To-Do List.

## **LEGISLATION**

None

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

### **Continuing Education**

Stephen Donohue reported on the discussion of the Rules Committee regarding the scope statement for continuing education requirements. It was the Committees recommendation that it is premature to pursue continuing education for the Section at this time. Due to the limited amount of time the Section has to conduct its business, it would prefer to focus its attention on the Inter-Agency Task Force issues of eliminating conflicts within the rules of various state agencies with regard to licensure requirements for hydrologists, as well as for geologists and soil scientists. Currently, professionals within these fields can be in compliance according to one agency's rules, but be in the unfortunate position of being out of compliance with the licensing Department's rules. The Section would prefer to address continuing education issues after these more pressing concerns have been resolved and when the number of license applications begins to increase.

## **BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY**

### **AIH 2002 Annual Meeting, October 13-17, Portland, OR**

The Section approved Harry Parrott to represent the Section at the AIH 2002 Annual Meeting on October 13-17, 2002 in Portland, OR and submit a report at the Section's next meeting.

## **EXAMINATION ISSUES**

The Section expressed interest in learning what AIH is doing in other states, particularly in Minnesota, with regard to the possibility of lobbying efforts to get licensure requirements in place for hydrologists.

It was noted that AIH has taken over the administration of the exam. Mary Forseth will ask Darwin Tichenor in the Exam Office to e-mail Section members with an update on the AIH exam administration and clarify whether it is administering the Wisconsin exam. Currently, the exam is scheduled for November 8, 2002, May 9, 2003, and November 7, 2003.

## **PRACTICE ISSUES**

### **Review Letter to Schools Re: Licensure Requirements**

The Section reviewed the letter that is being drafted to school administrators regarding licensure requirements for the practice of geology, hydrology, and soil science. The Section will gather a list of schools, state agencies, and professional associations to receive this letter. Harry Parrott will contact AIH and American Water Resources Association (AWRA) for names to be included in the mailing of the letter. A brochure explaining the licensure requirements of geology, hydrology and soil science will be included with the letter.

## **INTER-AGENCY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

### **Committee's Mission, Membership and Future Agenda Items**

Robert Karnauskas gave an overview of the discussion at the Joint Board meeting with regard to the work and mission of the Inter-Agency Liaison Committee. Mary Forseth will contact the Department of Commerce, DATCP, and DNR to identify who the representatives from these agencies will be and to let the agencies know that, while the Committee will be an on-going Committee, there are no plans for the Committee to meet in the near future.

## **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

### **Promotional Pamphlets**

The Section reviewed drafts of promotional pamphlets from the other Sections of the Joint Board and will prepare a draft of a hydrology pamphlet with information on education and other licensure requirements, similar to the information presented in the Soil Scientists' pamphlet. Mary Forseth will send a copy of the Soil Scientists' pamphlet to each Section member for their suggestions as to how to modify that pamphlet to fit the needs of the Hydrologist Section.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS BY DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Stephen Donohue moved, seconded by Harry Parrott, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b)), Stats.; to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; pending applications, and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Motion carried by role call vote: Steven Donohue-yes, Robert Karnauskas (by phone)-yes, Harry Parrott-yes.

Open Session recessed at: 1:20 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Section agreed, by consensus, to reconvene into Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

## **VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **Monitoring Report**

None

### **Case Closings**

None

### **Deliberation on Proposed Disciplinary Actions, Administrative Warnings or Stipulations**

None

### **Reinstatement Requests**

None

## **PENDING APPLICATIONS**

### **JOHN D. SKALBECK**

**MOTION:** Harry Parrott moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to send John Skalbeck a letter requesting that he provide the Section with additional information by December 15, 2002, regarding the licensing requirements for California so that the Section can determine if the requirements for licensure in California are substantially equivalent to Wisconsin requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section will schedule a teleconference call on January 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to resolve the status of the application of John Skalbek. Judy Mender will draft the letter and attend the

January 15, 2003 teleconference meeting.

### **EXAMINATION ISSUES**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Harry Parrott moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.